
Public Safety Committee

SSB 5021

Brief Description: Changing the crime of riot to the crime of criminal mischief.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Padden and Carrell).

<p>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renames the crime of "Riot" to the crime of "Criminal Mischief."

Hearing Date: 3/5/13

Staff: Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

Background:

A person is guilty of the crime of Riot if, acting with three or more persons, the person knowingly and unlawfully uses or threatens to use force, or in any way participates in the use of such force, against any other person or against property.

The crime of Riot is a gross misdemeanor offense unless the actor is armed with a deadly weapon. If armed with a deadly weapon, the crime of Riot is an unranked class C felony offense. The maximum sentence for unranked felonies is one year of confinement in jail, along with possible community restitution, legal financial obligations, and up to one year of community custody. Under the Juvenile Justice Act, a first-time juvenile offender would receive a local sanction consisting of a maximum of 30 days in detention, 12 months of community supervision, 150 hours of community restitution, or a \$500 fine.

Summary of Bill:

The crime of Riot is changed to the crime of Criminal Mischief.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2014.